(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the prices of butter and ghee have risen steeply; and

(e) the other measures envisaged to overcome the shortage of milk, butter and ghee and making them available to consumers at reasonable rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise, in view of answer to (a) and (b) above.

(d) and (e) The prices of butter and ghee have risen. In order to maintain the supply of milk, imports of butter oil and skimmed milk powder (SMP) have been arranged.

गुजरात में श्वेत क्रांति, पशुपालन और मछली पालन के लिये केन्द्र द्वारा प्रायोजित योजनायें

4016. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गुजरात में श्वेत क्रांति, पशुपालन और मछली पालन संबंधी केन्द्र द्वारा प्रायोजित योजनाओं का जिलावार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) सरकार द्वारा इनके लिए गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान आवंटित धनराशि का वर्षवार तथा योजनावार ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) उक्त अवधि के लिए इन योजनाओं के सम्बंध में निर्धारित लक्ष्यों तथा उनकी उपलब्धियों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) से (ग) पशुपालन एवं मात्स्यिकी का विकास राज्य का विषय है। पशुपालन एवं डेयरी विभाग तथा कृषि एवं सहकारिता विभाग इन क्षेत्रों के विकास के लिए उनके प्रयासों में वृद्धि करने के उद्देश्य से राज्य सरकारों को वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करते हैं। इस प्रयोजन के लिए निधियां निर्मुक्त की जाती हैं तथा राज्य स्तर पर प्रगति की निगरानी की जाती है जिला स्तर पर निधियों का आवंटन तथा योजना की निगरानी करना राज्य सरकार की जिम्मेदारी है।

कृषि उत्पादों का निर्यात

4017. **प्रो० राम बक्श सिंह वर्मा** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना की शेष अवधि के दौरान कृषि उत्पादकों के निर्यात की संभावनाएं क्या हैं ;

(ख) निर्यात की इन संभावनाओं का लाभ उठाने में पेश आ रही कठिनाइयों का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इन कठिनाइयों को दूर करने के लिए सरकार ने कौन-कौन से कदम उठाए हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार) : (क) कृषि जिन्सों के संबंध में आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि (1996–97) के अन्त तक 1991–92 के आधार मूल्यों पर 6519 करोड़ रूपये का निर्यात लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है।

(ख) इन निर्यात संभावनाओं का लाभ उठाने में कोई दिक्कतें पेश नहीं आ रही हैं।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Production of Oil Seeds

4018. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the production of oilseeds during the past five years in the country;

(b) the imports of edible oils or oilseeds both in terms of quantity and vlaue during the same period;

(c) which are the agencies that have been importing edible oils or oilseeds and at what prices;

(d) whether more imports are under consideration of Government;

(e) if so, what are the details and rationale thereof;

(f) the agencies or departments of Government which have been handling the import and distribution of the commodity;

(g) the current estimated demand for edible oils in India and at the rate at which it is expected to rise till the year 2000 A.D.; and

(h) the basis of these estimated along with the extent to which these estimates are realistic ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The total production of oilseeds during the past 5 years in the country is as under:

Year	Production of total oilseeds (in Million Tonnes)
1989-90 . .	16.92
1990-91 . .	18.61
1991-92 . . .	18.60
1992-93 . . .	20.11
1993-94 . . .	21.48

(b) and (c) The State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (STC) is an agency nominated by Government for import of edible oils for supply to State/UTs. for Public Distribution System (PDS) at concessional duty of 20%. The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has also been importing edible oils for sale in open market at concessional duty of 20 per cent. The import of edible oils except Coconut oil, Palm kernel oil, RBD Palm-oil and RBD Palm stearin has been allowed under OGL at reduced duty of 30 per cent with effect from 1-3-95. A statement indicating the quantity, value of import and the per unit price of edible oils is indicated at Statement-I and Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) and (e) The State Trading Corporation has been authorised to import 1.5 lakh tonnes of RBD Palmolein during the current financial year 1995-96. The import of edible oil is being made to bridge the gap of nearly 5-6 lakh tonnes between the total requirement and net availability of edible oils from all domestic sources.

(f) The State Trading Corporation (STC) of India Ltd. is importing edible oils for the Public Distribution System (PDS) on Government account. Central Government is making allocation of imported Palmolein to States/UTs for the PDS on the basis of demand received from them. Delivery of stocks is made from the nearest storage depot of STC. After the oil is lifted it is the responsibility of the concerned States/UTs to arrange for its internal movement and distribution to consumers through the FPS/Cooperative outlets.

(g) and (h) On the basis of economic parameters and population growth computed by the Planning Commission, the current estimated demand for edible oils is 69.85 lakh M.T. The growth rate is estimated around 4 per annum which is expected to rise till the year 2000 A.D.

Statement I

Financial Year wise Imports of edible Oils by STC

Financial Year (April– March)	Quantity	Value Rs. in crores	Unit Price Rs. in per MT
1981-82	10,23,148	493.37	4022
1982-83	9,80,223	419.00	4264
1983-84	14,08,895	845.62	6002
1984-85	15,85,153	1309.48	8260
1985-86	10,79,596	768.78	7120
1986-87	13,06,780	526.40	4029
1987-88	19,67,680	947.77	4817
1988-89	11,65,862	783.52	6591
1989-90	2,95,437	162.47	5499
1990-91	5,87,802	340.95	6505
1991-92	1,06,847	103.73	9708
	*54, 574	61.45	11260
	1,61,421	165.18	
1992-93	** 47000		
	29870	39.44	13204
	** 76870		
1993-94	**37000		
	41965	51.04	12163
	78965		
1994-95	1,07,013	188.94	17654

*Direct import by States against Rs.

**CDSBO under US Aid as Gift.

Statement-II

Import of edible Oil by NDDB

Year	Quantity (in MT)	Average Rate (in Rs. per MT)
1990-91	73658	15652
1991-92	20801	20095
1992-93	19421	21204
1993-94	1040	23462
1994-95	Details not available	

Cess on cotton

4019. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cess on cotton alongwith other commodities was abolished by an Act of Parliament in 1987 and that the collection of cess was discontinued thereafter;

(b) if so, the reasons for creating the post of Assistant Director (Cotton cess) in September, 1994 in the office of the Directorate of Cotton Development, Bombay; and

(c) whether Government propose to institute any inquiry into the circumstances necessitating the creating of the post; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such post was created in the Directorate of Cotton Development in September, 1994.

(c) Does not arise.

Study by NCAER on Economic Situation of Tobacco Workers

4020. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any study has been commissioned through NCAER on the economic situation of tobacco workers and farmers in Karnataka;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the proposed legislation will be detrimental to the farming economy; and

(c) how will Government assess the outcome of its legislative proposals to restrict tobacco in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The proposed legislation by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare aims at curbing sale/consumption of tobacco in specific public places and ban tobacco advertisement keeping in view the likely health hazards to tobacco consumers. It does not intend to ban tobacco farming.

Nominal increase in the price of wheat

4021. SHRI HIPHEI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an increase of Rs. 10 in the price of wheat has been termed as 'Cruel Joke' by the farmers in view of hike in electricity charges and fertilizers prices;

(b) whether Government propose to provide them adequate increase in wheat price; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?